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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I have been using a local ISP for over 15 years, instead of one of the giant telecoms. Because this service provider was able to compete and offer better service at lower prices, it grew, prices remained low, and service got better. This is just one reason why there is an urgent need for a competitive internet market.

The internet has become an integral and crucial part of society not just in the USA but around the world. It should really be operated and maintained more like a public utility, serving the public good.

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